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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL MINE CLEARANCE

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1. IN PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION MARCH 19, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE MINISTER OF STATE DAVID ENNALS STATED THAT UK AND US HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO A REQUEST BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST IN CLEARING MINES AND OTHER WAR DEBRIS FROM THE SUEZ CANAL. (HE CAREFULLY AVOIDED MENTION OF "JOINT" PROJECT PENDING CLARIFICATION OF US VIEWS.)

2. ON MARCH 18 DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S AVOIDANCE OF DIRECT REPLY TO QUESTION RE BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN CLEARANCE OPERATION WAS NOTED HERE AND RAISED CONCERN.

3. NOW THAT BRITISH PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY EGYPTIANS, AND OUR OWN AGREEMENT TO IT FORMALLY CONVEYED TO BRITISH, WE RECOMMEND THAT FURTHER PUBLICITY ON THIS MATTER INCLUDE MENTION OF COOPERATION WITH THE BRITISH IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS AVAILABLE EACH
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